



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Los Angeles, California 90012

At its meeting held April 22, 2008, the Board took the following action:

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The following item was called up for consideration:

Report by the Director of Health Services on the financial status of the Department.

Dr. Bruce A. Chernof, Director, John Schunhoff, Chief Deputy and Allen Wecker, Acting Chief Finance Officer, Department of Health Services, Sheila Shima, Deputy Chief Executive Officer and Kathy Ochoa, SEIU Local 721 addressed the Board.

Supervisor Molina made the following statement:

"In December 2005, the County of Los Angeles entered into a settlement agreement and release with the Harris plaintiffs. As part of the Harris Settlement Agreement, the County must maintain a median Emergency Department Boarding Time ("EDBT") of below seven (7) hours. This is the time from when a physician writes the order to admit the patient until the patient is placed in an inpatient bed.

"In September, the LAC+USC Medical Center will transition into its new replacement facility. LAC+USC staff has diligently worked to meet and maintain the terms of the agreement with respect to Average Length of Stay reductions, admissions, and EDBT.

"Given the expected high utilization and occupancy of the hospital and the anticipated patient surge when the facility opens, it is imperative that we continue to meet these benchmarks when we move into the new facility so as to not jeopardize either the terms of the agreement or patient care.

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“I therefore recommend that the Director of Health Services, in conjunction with the Chief Executive Office, with the assistance of Facilities Development Incorporated to report back to the Board at the meeting of May 6, 2008 as to how a patient “surge” of 5 percent, 10 percent, 15 percent and 20 percent could affect EDBT wait times if the hospital is operating at 80 percent, 85 percent, 90 percent and 95 percent occupancy.”

After discussion, by common consent, and there being no objection, the Board received and filed the Director of Health Services’ attached report dated April 22, 2008.

Further, on motion of Supervisor Molina, seconded by Supervisor Antonovich, unanimously carried, the Board instructed the Director of Health Services, in conjunction with the Chief Executive Office, with the assistance of Facilities Development Incorporated to report back to the Board at the meeting of May 6, 2008 on how a patient “surge” of 5 percent, 10 percent, 15 percent and 20 percent could affect EDBT wait times if the hospital is operating at 80 percent, 85 percent, 90 percent and 95 percent occupancy, including Supervisor Yaroslavsky’s request to address this issue at a regional level.

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Attachment

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Each Supervisor
Chief Executive Officer
County Counsel
Director of Health Services